

became available through a camera in a Fairfax County Police Department patrol car that was providing backup. Had it not been for that footage, which was recorded and released by that local police department, the public would not have had access to the circumstances surrounding Mr. Ghaisar's death. Moreover, the footage revealed concerns about the Park Police's pursuit and engagement policies.

Body and dashboard cameras for federal law enforcement officers are particularly important for the officers stationed in the nation's capital, where the Park Police and the uniformed division of the U.S. Secret Service have full local police powers. Many other federal law enforcement agencies also have local police powers near their respective agency buildings in the District of Columbia. Cameras can increase transparency for individual interactions with police, strengthen public trust and even deter future criminal behavior. For example, when individuals know that they are being recorded by a dashboard camera, they may be less likely to flee the scene of a traffic accident because they realize that their license plate will be documented. Individuals may also be less likely to attack an officer because the recording may be used as evidence. On the other hand, officers will also be less likely to commit offenses for the same reason. Body and dashboard cameras can also be used to train current and future officers more effectively in best and worst practices.

An increasing number of local police departments, including the Metropolitan Police Department in the District, are using body and dashboard cameras. It is clear that both law enforcement and the public would benefit from federal police departments following suit to increase transparency and maintain public trust.

Last year, President Biden issued an executive order (E.O.) requiring federal law enforcement agencies use body cameras, adopt and publicly post body camera policies and expedite release of video footage to the public following incidents involving serious bodily injury or deaths while an individual is in custody. This is a positive first step. Our bill is necessary, however, because the E.O. is more limited in scope than the bill, including that the E.O. does not require dashboard cameras and the U.S. Capitol Police and Supreme Court Police are not required to use any cameras. Additionally, the executive order can be undone by a future president, whereas this bill would enshrine these rules into law, requiring a future Congress and president acting together through subsequent legislation to overturn them.

I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SUSAN WILD

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 6, 2023

Ms. WILD. Mr. Speaker, I would like to clarify and qualify my vote in support of H.R. 139, SHOW UP Act of 2023.

I reluctantly supported this bill due to the substantial outreach I have received from my constituents regarding the impact of pandemic measures on certain vital government services, particularly the Social Security Adminis-

tration and the Internal Revenue Service. At the same time, I am concerned that, in its current form, H.R. 139, SHOW UP Act of 2023, would cause inadvertent harm to the federal service and the federal workforce.

Had it been made in order, I would have supported a bipartisan amendment to this legislation by my friend and colleague Rep. BRIAN FITZPATRICK (PA-01) to strike Section 2 of the bill. I am deeply concerned with the fact that the bill, as currently written, would override existing agreements that have been collectively bargained in dozens of federal agencies.

It is unacceptable for Congress to set the precedent of circumventing labor negotiations and overriding collective bargaining agreements. I want to be clear: While it is imperative for my constituents to receive urgently needed services in the most effective manner possible, it is equally imperative to protect the hard-won agreements workers have earned through the collective bargaining process.

Over the coming weeks and months, I will continue advocating for a more democratic legislative process in the House of Representatives that allows members of this body to improve deeply flawed legislation such as H.R. 139. I am and will always remain an unwavering voice in support of workers' right to organize and collectively bargain—whether in the public or private sector—and in support of the labor movement.

APPRECIATING COLLEEN HOUSE

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 6, 2023

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, on December 29, 2022, the Detroit News published the following inspiring obituary for Colleen House, an appreciated political trailblazer for the Michigan Republican Party.

Colleen Mary House, whose unexpected foray into Michigan politics nearly 50 years ago blazed a trail for women lawmakers, died Christmas Eve after a two-year battle with dementia, her family announced Wednesday. She was 70.

House died at her Foggy Bottom home in Washington, D.C., with her husband, John Gizzi, the senior White House correspondent for Newsmax, at her side.

"Colleen left my life as she entered it—with a warm smile, dancing eyes, and unconditional love," Gizzi wrote in a tribute sent to The Detroit News.

At age 22, she became the youngest woman to serve in Michigan Legislature. But she almost followed a different path.

After graduating from Michigan State University with a degree in political science in 1973, House wanted to follow in her older sister's footsteps as a flight attendant with Pan Am, according to Gizzi. But the airline cut back on international flights amid the energy crisis, prompting House to volunteer on a Republican campaign for Congress in a special election in her hometown of Bay City.

Democratic State Rep. Bob Traxler won the election to fill the seat vacated by the Republican James Harvey, who had been appointed a federal judge.

House then won Traxler's seat with help from future Michigan Gov. John Engler, who at the time was a state representative, The News reported.

It was considered an upset victory in then-Democratic Bay County.

House was also the first Republican to hold the seat in more than 20 years, according to her obituary.

The rising political star was scheduled to be featured on a national Republican telethon hosted by then-Republican National Chairman George H.W. Bush. However, the event was canceled at the last minute after President Nixon resigned from office in the aftermath of the Watergate scandal.

In 1974, House was re-elected, and the following April she wed Engler.

They were the only husband-wife team in the Legislature, according to The News' archives. The couple divorced in 1988.

After House lost re-election in 1976, she moved to Ingham County. From 1977-78 she served as director of public affairs for the Michigan Chamber of Commerce.

Her connection to Bush led to a role helping to run his presidential campaign in the Michigan primary where Bush defeated frontrunner Ronald Reagan. His Michigan victory helped keep him in the political conversation, eventually leading to Reagan tapping him as his vice president.

House would eventually go on to work in the 41st U.S. president's administrations as director of intergovernmental affairs at the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Before moving to Washington, House had also returned to the state legislature, representing Isabella and Mecosta Counties in 1982 and was reelected in 1984, according to the Library of Michigan.

In 1986, she was the first woman to run for governor of Michigan but lost the primary.

At the time, The News reported, Public Sector Consultants, a Lansing thinktank, called her "one of the most dynamic speakers among the Republican candidates, and she projects a very firm grasp of the state issues (but) has been unable to raise the money to publicize her positions."

She ran with GOP nominee Bill Lucas as a candidate for lieutenant governor, but their ticket was defeated by incumbent Gov. Jim Blanchard.

After her stint in the Bush administration, House spent nearly a quarter-century working with the International Republican Institute, which she joined in 1993.

House long was active at St. Matthews Cathedral in Washington, D.C., where she was a lector at Masses, trained other parishioners to read portions of the Mass and served as a pontifical lector, relatives said.

Besides her husband, other survivors include a sister, Anne House Quinn; three nieces, Bridget House, Kathleen Quinn and Elizabeth Quinn; three nephews, George H. McElory, Dr. Jude McElory and James Quinn; and brothers-in-law T. Anthony Quinn, Charles J. Rhodes and Michael Kusisto.

A funeral is scheduled to be held Feb. 18 at St. Matthews Cathedral.

Memorials can be made to St. Matthew's Cathedral, the Fraternal Order of St. Peter or the American Hospice Association.

CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

HON. FRANK J. MRVAN

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 6, 2023

Mr. MRVAN. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect and sincere admiration that I rise today to celebrate Black History Month and its 2023 theme—Black Resistance. This year's theme reflects on the importance and significance of opposition to ongoing systematic injustice and

oppressive rhetoric against the African American Community throughout the past and at the present time.

Part of the African American fight for freedom includes the struggle to create space for African American people to thrive and succeed. Throughout history in the United States, African Americans have resisted unjust persecution through brave and courageous acts including protests, sit-ins, boycotts, marches, and political rallies, to name a few. Their efforts have been successful, inspiring, and have created significant change in the values and belief systems of America. The struggle is ongoing, and there is much more to be done. It is the responsibility of every American to create an environment that supports equality and freedom for all.

This month and always, it is important that we honor America's greatest advocates for equal rights. Throughout history in Northwest Indiana, which I proudly represent, there have been many who have taken up this fight. One such individual is the Honorable Calvin D. Hawkins, Lake County Superior Court Judge, who continues a legacy of civil service to the community of Northwest Indiana. Judge Hawkins has been a civil rights activist his entire life. While still in his teens, he participated in the historic March on Washington in 1963 before embarking on his distinguished legal career. Judge Hawkins was appointed to the bench in 2007 by then Governor Mitch Daniels, and he has faithfully served with purpose, integrity, and respect. Outside of the courts, he has championed numerous causes that support equality and civil liberties for African Americans, and he has also proven himself to be a tireless advocate for the youth in his community. In 2008, Judge Hawkins launched a stay-in-school initiative, and his efforts have had a major positive impact on the lives of students throughout the area. In addition, he has served as the president of the board of directors for Indiana Legal Services, an organization that provides free legal assistance to those in need. For his noteworthy leadership and unwavering dedication to improving the quality of life for all people, Judge Hawkins is worthy of the highest praise.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my distinguished colleagues join me in celebrating Black History Month and honoring those who fought, and continue to fight, for civil rights and justice. As we pay tribute, let us remember their profound perseverance and sacrifice in the struggle to build a better Nation, more equal and free.

RECOGNIZING BOB AND TERRY
WITMER

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 6, 2023

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Bob and Terry Witmer for receiving the honor of the Dr. Bettye Myers Humanitarian Award. Terry has spent her life in North Texas. She grew up in Denton and has a nursing career that expands 20 years. In 2014, Terry oversaw the housing component of the Denton County Behavioral Health Leadership Team. Two years later, Terry became the charter appointee for the Denton County

Homelessness Leadership Team. She has been a long-time advocate for the homeless community in North Texas and has made a profound impact on improving the livelihoods of those citizens that have been affected. Both she and her husband, Bob, have been active members of the Denton Community for decades and they helped form vital nonprofits in Denton County such as The Daily Bread, which serves food to individuals in need. They have served on numerous boards of nonprofits. Bob is a board-certified tax attorney and currently serves as a professor at the University of North Texas. In 2016, he started the North Texas Low Income Taxpayer Clinic. This clinic allowed local graduate students to assist lower-income members of the community with specialized and qualified tax assistance. This provided a wonderful opportunity to members of the community and helped graduate students gain experience before applying to bigger employers. Bob has not only been a valuable part of educating the younger generation in North Texas, but he has been involved in Veterans Affairs. Terry referred Veteran clients to Bob's clinic from the Veteran Community Navigator pilot program. When Bob learned from Terry that clients of the VCN program were working in crowded, unsuitable offices, he contacted Veterans Affairs and mobilized a community effort with donations and volunteers to renovate the office into what is now known as the Denton County Veteran Center. This center provides critical and quality care to all Veterans who are in need. These actions are remarkable, yet Bob did not stop there. He went on to mobilize the community to help the United Way of Denton County create the Veterans Mental Health Annex, which expands access to mental health services for veterans. These incredible actions have not gone unnoticed. In November of 2022, they were recognized by the Board Members of the United Way of Denton for their efforts and impact on helping those affected by homelessness and mental health in their community, especially veterans. The Witmer's have invested their time and talent into serving their community. I am honored to recognize Bob and Terry's achievements today and I am humbled to share a home in North Texas with this couple of such high character. Bob and Terry's family, their community, their state, and their nation are made better by their selfless contributions and dedication to others. I thank Bob and Terry Witmer, for their excellent work, and also thank the United Way of Denton County Board of Directors for recognizing them for the Dr. Bettye Myers Humanitarian Award of 2023.

RECOGNIZING MR. GERMINIANO
AND ANGELES TUBAO, OUT-
STANDING CITIZENS AND BUSI-
NESS OWNERS IN THE 51ST CON-
GRESSIONAL DISTRICT

HON. JUAN VARGAS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 6, 2023

Mr. VARGAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Germiniano "Gerry" Fuentes Tubao and Angeles "Angie" Marijana Tubao, outstanding citizens and business owners in the 51st Congressional District.

Mr. And Mrs. Tubao immigrated in the 1950s from the Philippines to the United States, where they met and eventually married in Worcester, Massachusetts. Mr. Tubao served in the U.S. Navy for more than 20 years as a sailor and Angie worked as a nurse at National City's Paradise Valley Hospital. They have worked in the real estate market in the 51st District for more than 60 years, establishing a legacy of property ownership, management, and development throughout the region.

Mr. Gerry Tubao is the principal founder and developer of Market on 8th, located in National City and established as South County's first ethnic-themed food hall and beer garden. Market on 8th pays tribute to National City's radiant history with its collection of original murals, artwork, and vintage photos.

Mr. Tubao is retiring from managing his family-owned company, Pacific Point Properties, and will continue to serve as a consultant. He and his wife Mrs. Angie Tubao leave a legacy of commitment and generosity to the residents of National City and the larger San Diego community.

Mr. and Mrs. Tubao have written a memoir of their history in a book called "A Land of Opportunity," which tells their story and perspective on faith, resilience, and prosperity. Their sons Joel Jon and Gene Joseph will succeed Mr. Tubao in shared leadership roles, continuing the business and serving the community in various volunteer roles.

CONGRATULATING THE BRANDON
HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL
TEAM ON WINNING THE 2022
MHSAA 6A VOLLEYBALL CHAM-
PIONSHIP

HON. MICHAEL GUEST

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 6, 2023

Mr. GUEST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Brandon High School volleyball team and Coach Kelsa Walker on their remarkable achievement of winning the 2022 MHSAA 6A Volleyball Championship. This victory is a testament to their hard work, dedication, and commitment to the sport of volleyball.

Throughout the season, the team displayed an unwavering determination to succeed and a desire to push themselves to new heights. Their teamwork and camaraderie on the court was a true demonstration of what can be achieved when individuals come together and strive for a common goal.

I would also like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to Coach Kelsa Walker and her staff who played a critical role in the team's success. Their guidance, support, and leadership have been instrumental in helping the team reach their full potential and in inspiring the players to strive for excellence.

This state championship is a source of pride for the entire Brandon community and serves as a reminder of the importance of hard work, dedication, and teamwork. The young athletes on the Brandon High School volleyball team have set an excellent example for others to follow, and we look forward to seeing all that they will accomplish in the future.

In recognition of their achievement, I again congratulate the Brandon High School